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Issued: December 12, 2000	)	
ROTARY MOWER CONDITIONER	)	
HAVING IMPROVED CUT CROP FLOW	)	

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Sir:

SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION FOR REISSUE PATENT APPLICATION BY THE ASSIGNEE

COMES NOW Garry L. Ball and declares as follows:

1. I am Senior Vice President Engineering of assignee AGCO Corporation and am authorized to act on its behalf. The entire title to U.S. Patent 6,158,201 issued December 12, 2000, and titled "Rotary Mower Conditioner Having Improved Cut Crop Flow", which is the subject of this reissue application, is vested in AGCO Corporation as reflected in the Statement Under 37 C.F.R. 3.73(b) submitted with the reissue application as originally filed.

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2. The residence, mailing address and citizenship of the inventors are as follows:

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3. I believe the inventors noted above are the original and first inventors of the subject matter which is described and claimed in the '201 Patent and in the present reissue application as amended by all amendments to date.

4. With the help of counsel I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by all amendments to date.

5. At least one error upon which reissue is based is described as follows: Originally patented claim 1 is anticipated by U.S. Patent 4,330,982 which was not considered by the examiner during prosecution of U.S. Patent 6,158,201. As a consequence, claim 1 and new claim 50 are not seen as being patentable without the addition of the following limitations:

1. (previously amended) A crop harvesting header configured for attachment to the mobile frame of a harvesting machine, said header comprising:

a crop cutting assembly comprising a series of rotary cutters that are rotatable about individual, upright axes and <u>have knives</u> that cooperatively define a laterally extending <u>generally planar</u> cutting zone along which crop material is severed from the ground by the cutting assembly;

a pair of laterally extending crop conditioning rolls cooperatively defining a nip therebetween that is spaced upwardly and rearwardly from the cutting zone, [; and]

<u>said pair of conditioning rolls including a lower conditioning roll having a lower, forward</u>

peripheral portion that moves forwardly and upwardly generally toward the rotary cutters during rotation of the lower conditioning roll; and

a driveable crop conveying element having at least a portion thereof that moves upwardly and rearwardly between the cutting zone and the nip to convey crop cut by the cutting assembly toward the nip when the element is driven,

said conveying element comprising a laterally extending, rotatable conveying roller having an upper forward peripheral portion that moves rearwardly and upwardly generally away from the rotary cutters during rotation of the conveying roller and a lower, forward peripheral portion that moves forwardly and upwardly generally toward the rotary cutters during rotation of the conveying roller,

said upper forward peripheral portion of the conveying roller being disposed in front of the lower forward peripheral portion of the lower conditioning roll, and most of the lower, forward peripheral portion of the conveying roller being disposed below the plane of said cutting zone.

50. (previously added) A crop harvesting header configured for attachment to the mobile frame of a harvesting machine, said header comprising:

a crop cutting assembly comprising a series of rotary cutters that are rotatable about individual, upright axes and have knives that cooperatively define a laterally extending generally planar cutting zone along which crop material is severed from the ground by the cutting assembly;

a pair of laterally extending crop conditioning rolls cooperatively defining a nip therebetween that is spaced upwardly and rearwardly from the cutting zone,

said pair of conditioning rolls including a lower conditioning roll having a lower, forward peripheral portion that moves forwardly and upwardly generally toward the rotary cutters during rotation of the lower conditioning roll; and

a driveable crop conveying element having at least a portion thereof that moves upwardly and rearwardly between the cutting zone and the nip to convey crop cut by the cutting assembly toward the nip when the element is driven,

said conveying element comprising a laterally extending, rotatable conveying roller having an upper forward peripheral portion that moves rearwardly and upwardly generally away from the rotary cutters during rotation of the conveying roller,

said upper forward peripheral portion of the conveying roller being disposed in front of the lower forward peripheral portion of the lower conditioning roll and generally below the axis of rotation of the lower conditioning roll,

said conveying roller projecting downwardly below the plane of said cutting zone.

6. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

7. Every error in Patent 6,158,201 which was corrected in the present reissue application, and is not covered by a prior oath/declaration submitted in this application, arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.

8. I hereby declare that all statements made of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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